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**August Crop Production**



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Corn production in the United States is forecast at 13.9 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 169.5 bushels per acre. Soybean production is forecast at 3.68 billion bushels, down 19 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 22.5 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from 2018. All wheat production, at 1.98 billion bushels, is up 5 percent from 2018. Peanut production is forecast at 5.30 billion pounds, down 3 percent from last year.

### Key findings for the Southern Region from the August Crop Production report

**Alabama:** Corn area planted for all purposes remains at 320,000 acres. Corn for grain production is forecast at 49.1 million bushels, up 26 percent from 2018. Cotton acreage is revised up 30,000 acres from June to 540,000 acres. Cotton production is forecast at 1.05 million bales, up 18 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the highest number of bales produced in Alabama since 1955. Peanut production, at 485 million pounds, is down 12 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 12.1 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2018.

**Florida:** Cotton production is forecast at 225,000 bales, an increase of 118 percent over last year's crop which was devastated by Hurricane Michael. If realized, this will be a record production. With a yield forecast at a record high 4,000 pounds per acre, peanut production, at 540 million pounds, is up 7 percent from 2018. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 17.7 million tons, up 2 percent from 2018.

**Georgia:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up 30,000 acres from June to 380,000 acres. With a yield forecast at 170 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 57.0 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2018. Cotton acreage is revised up 50,000 acres from June to 1.40 million acres. Cotton production is forecast at 2.7 million bales, up 38 percent from last year's crop which was heavily damaged from Hurricane Michael. Peanut production, at 2.60 billion pounds, is down 10 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 3.99 million bushels, down 26 percent from 2018. Tobacco harvested acreage is revised down to 9,000 acres with a production forecast of 18.0 million pounds, down 24 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest acreage since 1918 and the lowest production since 1932. Peach production, at 50,000 tons, is up 92% from last year's severely damaged crop.

**South Carolina:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised down 30,000 acres from June to 380,000 acres. With a yield forecast at 109 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 37.6 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2018. Cotton production is forecast at 550,000 bales, up 31 percent from last year's crop which was impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Peanut production is forecast at 217 million pounds, down 22 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 10.5 million bushels, down 5 percent from 2018. Tobacco harvested acreage is revised down to 8,500 acres with a production forecast of 17.0 million pounds, down 23 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest acreage since 1893 and lowest production since 1911. Peach production, at 93,000 tons, is up 41% from last year's damaged crop.

### Peach Production — States and United States: 2018 and Forecasted August 1, 2019

[Current year estimates are for the full 2019 crop year]

State	Total production	
	2018	2019
	(tons)	(tons)
Georgia.....	26,000	50,000
South Carolina.....	65,800	93,000
United States .....	651,500	733,500

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, August 2019

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2018 and Forecasted August 1, 2019**

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn <sup>1</sup> ..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	260	320	250	305	156.0	161.0	39,000	49,105
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	100	80	65	45	157.0		10,205	
Georgia.....	325	380	285	335	176.0	170.0	50,160	56,950
South Carolina.....	340	380	310	345	127.0	109.0	39,370	37,605
United States.....	89,129	90,005	81,740	82,017	176.4	169.5	14,420,101	13,900,651
Cotton, all <sup>3</sup> ..... (bales)								
Alabama.....	510.0	540.0	497.0	535.0	858	942	888.0	1,050.0
Florida.....	117.0	120.0	93.0	118.0	532	915	103.0	225.0
Georgia.....	1,430.0	1,400.0	1,305.0	1,390.0	719	932	1,955.0	2,700.0
South Carolina.....	300.0	300.0	275.0	295.0	733	895	420.0	550.0
United States.....	14,100.3	13,903.0	10,205.8	12,637.4	864	855	18,367.0	22,516.0
Hay, all other ..... (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	850	760	2.80	2.80	2,380	2,128
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	280	270	3.10		868	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	600	580	2.90	2.90	1,740	1,682
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	270	300	2.50		675	
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	36,231	35,945	1.96	2.11	70,966	75,672
Peanuts..... (pounds)								
Alabama.....	165.0	150.0	162.0	147.0	3,400	3,300	550,800	485,100
Florida.....	155.0	145.0	140.0	135.0	3,600	4,000	504,000	540,000
Georgia.....	665.0	600.0	650.0	590.0	4,450	4,400	2,892,500	2,596,000
South Carolina.....	87.0	65.0	82.0	62.0	3,400	3,500	278,800	217,000
United States.....	1,425.5	1,364.0	1,368.5	1,323.0	3,991	4,008	5,461,600	5,302,600
Soybeans ..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	345	280	340	275	41.0	44.0	13,940	12,100
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	18		12		38.0		456	
Georgia.....	145	110	135	105	40.0	38.0	5,400	3,990
South Carolina.....	390	350	375	340	29.5	31.0	11,063	10,540
United States.....	89,196	76,700	88,110	75,866	51.6	48.5	4,543,883	3,680,217
Sugarcane <sup>4</sup> ..... (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.3	408.0	41.9	43.3	17,256	17,666
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	899.7	916.8	38.4	37.5	34,542	34,395
Tobacco ..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.5	9.0	1,900	2,000	23,750	18,000
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.3	8.5	1,800	2,000	22,140	17,000
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	291.4	238.9	1,830	2,110	533,241	504,162

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

<sup>2</sup> Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2019 Summary*, released January 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, August 2019